

### REMARKS

Claims 14-23 remain pending in the instant application. Claims 1-13 and 24-31 are hereby cancelled without prejudice. Entry of this amendment and consideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

### *Election*

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II including claims 14- 23, without traverse.

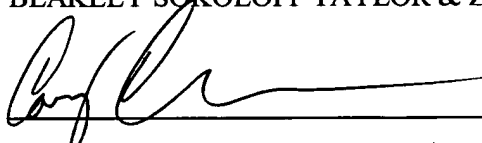
### CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fee(s) that may be due in this matter, and please credit the same deposit account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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